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 Response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2008

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 DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS: OPERATING
 CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION
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Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2008 for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on August 5, 2008.

While Applicant believes that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow are respectfully requested.